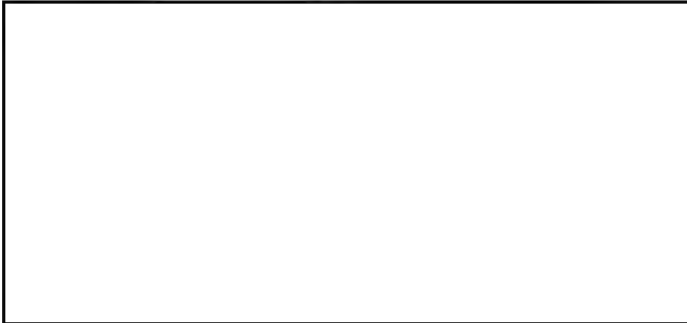


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I acknowledge your letter dated 18 September.

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It is my feeling that somehow you have misinterpreted my motivation in this matter which is of the utmost importance to me. It was not my intention to "involve" [redacted] in any way whatsoever. My only motivation was that I was in need of aid. From a semantic viewpoint I think that "involve" carries much too harsh a connotation where my conduct is concerned. I merely requested Mr. Burris' assistance, a logical step for a disabled veteran to take under the circumstances, especially in view of the fact that I had resigned from your organization. Regardless of past events, and I have never suffered any impairment of memory, right now the only factor of importance to me is that I recover my emotional health.

Being very security conscious, as my record will attest, I am naturally concerned as to how I should word my claim to the Bureau of Employees Compensation. Therefore, I certainly would appreciate your kind offer contained in the last paragraph of your letter of 18 September. Rest assured that I am only interested in processing a claim. No one will be embarrassed by any actions of mine. Any CIA representative who comes to see me will be accorded the courtesy that one gentleman renders another.

I have sent Mr. Burris a letter notifying him of my action in this matter.

As I am paying for my treatment by doing some of the necessary confidential administrative work required in the admissions and discharges of patients, I may be contacted in the Dorothea Lynde Dix Pavilion where I have an office which adjoins the office of Dr. David W. Harris, Physician-in-Charge.

I appreciate your offer of assistance in the processing of the aforementioned claim.

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